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OF

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD,

OF

NORTHERN INDIANA,

CONVENED IN

CICERO, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA,

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SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

REV. W. WALTMAN.....PRESIDENT.
REV. J. N. BARNETT.....SECRETARY.
REV. H. WELLS.....TREASURER.

☞ The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, of Northern Indiana, will be held in the Lutheran Church, in Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana, commencing on Tuesday Evening, October 8th, 1867.

PROCEEDINGS.

CICERO, INDIANA, OCTOBER 16TH, 1866.

The Ministers and Lay Delegates comprising the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Northern Indiana, assembled in the Lutheran Church at Cicero, Indiana, in the charge of Rev. D. Smith, on Tuesday Evening, October 16th, 1866.

The President, Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, delivered the Synodical Sermon from John, 21: 15. "*Feed my Lambs.*"

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FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, OCTOBER 17TH, 1866.

After an hour's meeting for prayer, Synod was called to order. The brethren united in singing a hymn, after which the President led in prayer.

The ministerial roll was then called and the absentees noted. The delegates from the various charges were next received, on presenting certificates, and their names recorded.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

CLERICAL.	ENTERED MINISTRY.	POST-OFFICE.	LAYMEN.
1. Rev. D. Smith	1840	Noblesville, Indiana	J. Kepner.
2. Rev. W. Hunt*		Hixville, Ohio	J. L. Gruber.
3. Rev. S. McReynolds	1844	Kokomo, Indiana	
4. Rev. H. Wells	1845	Columbus City, Indiana	F. Mossman.
5. Rev. P. Locker	1845	Salmonia, Jay County, Indiana	
6. Rev. J. H. Hoffman*		Fish Creek, Steuben County, Indiana	
7. Rev. J. Cather*		Jarvis, Indiana	
8. Rev. A. H. Scherer	1848	Sharpsville, Indiana	Jacob Platt.
9. Rev. S. P. Snyder	1849	Camden, Indiana	J. C. Plauk.
10. Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff	1850	Fort Wayne, Indiana	D. S. Keil.
11. Rev. W. Waltman	1852	Kendalville, Indiana	W. H. Keller.
12. Rev. R. F. Delo	1852	Elkhart, Indiana	
13. Rev. Prof. I. Sprecher,*		Springfield, Ohio	

CLERICAL.	ENTERED MINISTRY.	POST-OFFICE.	LAYMEN.
14. Rev. J. G. Biddle	1855	Millersburg, Indiana	J. Nusbaum.
15. Rev. P. Bergstresser	1855	Three Rivers, Michigan	E. E. Bittenbender.
16. Rev. B. F. Hills	1856	LaGrange Center, Indiana	
17. Rev. J. Miller	1856	Columbia City, Indiana	J. Martz.
18. Rev. J. Boon*	1856	Berrien Springs, Michigan	
19. Rev. J. M. Smith	1857	Onward, Cass County, Indiana	
20. Rev. C. Caskey†	1857	Fort Wayne, Indiana	
21. Rev. V. Exline†	1858	Van Wirt, Ohio	
22. Rev. F. Biddle	1858	Monmouth, Adams County, Indiana	
23. Rev. G. W. Wilson	1859	North Manchester, Indiana	A. Oldfather.
24. Rev. J. N. Barnett	1859	Albion, Indiana	G. W. Kling.
25. Rev. A. J. Cromer	1859	Zanesville, Indiana	P. Wilkin.
26. Rev. G. E. Moore	1860	Blue Grass, Fulton County, Indiana	W. Bemendeffer.
27. Rev. J Steininger	1861	White Pigeon, Michigan	
28. Rev. W. H. Faris	1863	Walton, Indiana	P. Tolen.
29. Rev. E. W. Erick	1863	Monroeville, Indiana	N. Smith.
30. Rev. C. Sink	1865	Spencerville, Indiana	P. Bishop.
31. Rev. J. W. Henderson	1865	Jarvis, Indiana	J. P. Boyer.

LICENTIATE.

32. Rev. J. W. Miller	1866	Albion, Indiana	

COMMISSIONER.

James Marks.....LaGrange Charge.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. Prof. J. Swartz.....Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.
Rev. J. Crouse.....Agent Wittenberg College.
Rev. J. A. Kunkleman.....Indianapolis, Indiana.
Rev. F. A. Fish.....Methodist Episcopal Church.
Rev. A. Andrew.....Methodist Episcopal Church.
W. A. Calvert.....Agent Monroeville Church.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, in order to the admission of several ministers from other Synods.

Rev. J. W. Henderson was received on certificate from Miami Synod, Ohio. Also, Rev. P. Bergstresser, from Illinois Synod.

Rev. S. McReynolds, of the East Ohio Synod, having transmitted his certificate to the President, it was

(I.) *Resolved*, That we now sanction the action of the President of Synod in the reception of Rev. S. McReynolds from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of East Ohio.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President read his report, as follows:

Fathers and Brethren:

In the merciful providence of our God, we are again permitted to meet in Synodical Convention. Again permitted, after the cares and the tears, the joys and anxieties of another year, to greet each other in the flesh; again permitted to meet to devise good for Zion.

Whilst some things have occurred to mar the peace of our churches and disturb the friendly intercourse of some of our brethren, some things over which we have had cause to mourn, there are other things over which, as a Synod, we have just cause to rejoice.

During the year that has just ended, many souls have been gathered into the folds of the Redeemer; and saints have been built up in the faith and hope of the gospel. God's Word has not returned unto him void. Many of our ministerial brethren who have gone forth weeping, bearing the seed of the word, have returned rejoicing, bearing precious sheaves.

* Absent, excused. † Absent, not excused.

From every part of the Synod, tidings have come up, that God has owned and blessed the preaching of His Word, to the salvation of precious souls. For these manifest tokens of our Master's gracious presence and blessing, we devoutly thank and praise His glorious name.

In presenting a summary of my official acts during the interval of Synod, I deem it unnecessary to burden your minutes with a specific account of all the numerous letters and inquiries I have had to answer during the year. It will be sufficient for me to say that I did all that it was in my power to answer to the best of my knowledge.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

1. The week after the adjournment of Synod, I visited the "Lost-Creek Charge," in company with Father Hunt, who, after having preached in the different congregations, received and accepted a call, and immediately entered upon his duties.

2. About the 10th of October, I received a letter from Rev. C. Sink, stating that in accordance with the recommendation of Synod, he had visited the "Spencerville Charge," received and accepted a call, and would shortly enter upon his duties.

April 23d, 1866, I received a letter from Rev. S. McReynolds, containing a certificate of dismission, from the President of the East Ohio Synod to this body. This certificate is now before you, and his reception cheerfully recommended.

DISMISSION.

Sept. 28th, 1866, I received a letter from Rev. J. M. Lang, stating that he had taken charge of congregations in the bounds of the English Ohio Synod, and requesting a letter of dismission to that body, which was granted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Some weeks after the adjournment of Synod, I received an application, signed by the members of the Northern Conference, urging me to grant *ad-interim* license to Bro. J. W. Miller; but in view of the fact that my worthy predecessor had given Bro. Miller *ad-interim* license and that Synod after examining this brother, had so unanimously decided to take his license from him, or rather decided not to renew it, and in view of the fact that Synod, as I thought, had very wisely requested Bro. Miller to place himself under the instruction of Bro. Waltman, with the view of preparing himself for an examination at this Synod, I did not feel—much as I sympathized with Bro. Miller—that it would be right for me to do what would be in direct contradiction to the almost unanimously expressed will of this Synod.

On the 26th of March, I received a letter from the Rev. B. F. Hills, containing several grave charges against Rev. J. G. Biddle, which he declared himself prepared to prove, and asking that the matter be investigated. After some correspondence with regard to the matter, I wrote to Bro. Biddle, transmitting him a copy of the charges and stating that my duty would require me to order an investigation. The matter was finally, at Bro. Biddle's own suggestion, referred to the Northern Conference. For the result of that investigation, I would refer Synod to the minutes of that Conference.

On the 15th of March, I received a letter from Rev. C. Sink, stating that Father Hunt had said that he—*i. e.*, Rev. Sink—had gone beyond the limits of his power, in organizing a congregation at Maysville, within the bounds of Father Hunt's charge, and asking whether in my opinion, he had done so or not. To this letter I replied, that in my opinion, he had transcended his powers as a licentiate, in thus organizing a congregation within the bounds of Father Hunt's charge, without at least consulting him. To this letter I received an answer on the 23d of April, asking whether he

should disband his organization, to which I replied that they had better continue it and make application to Synod, where the whole matter could be adjusted.

Oct. 2d, I received a letter from Rev. G. E. Moore, giving an account of the condition of his charge and stating that he had, for various reasons, dropped one of his congregations—Bruce Lake. To which letter I replied, that in thus dropping that congregation, he had violated an express law of the Synod, and that the best I could do was to commend him to the favor of Synod. All of which is respectfully submitted for your approval.

Nor can I close this report, without asking the prayers of this Synod for our dear Father Hunt, who for eight weeks has been suffering at the point of death; all that time not being able to lie down day nor night, and of whose recovery there is no hope.

With the earnest prayer that we may have a pleasant and profitable session of Synod, I cheerfully recommit into your hands the office with which you have so kindly intrusted me. W. P. RUTHRAUFF.

On motion, the Report was received and placed in the hands of a Committee, consisting of Reverends D. Smith and A. J. Cromer.

The Election of Officers being next in order, Reverends J. N. Barnett and J. W. Henderson were appointed Tellers. The following was reported as the result:

Rev. W. Waltman, President; Rev. J. N. Barnett, Secretary; Rev. H. Wells, Treasurer.

The Organization being now perfected, all papers intended for the Synod were produced and placed in the hands of Committees, as follows:

No. 1. (President's Report,) Reverends D. Smith and A. J. Cromer.
No. 2. (Minutes,) Reverends H. Wells, W. H. Faris and Mr. A. Oldfather.
No. 3. (Examination,) Reverends R. F. Delo, P. Bergstresser and G. W. Wilson.
No. 4. Reverends W. P. Ruthrauff, J. W. Henderson and P. Bergstresser.
No. 5. Reverends S. P. Snyder, G. W. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Keller.
No. 6. Reverends A. H. Scherer, F. Biddle and Mr. P. Bishop.
No. 7. Reverends C. Sink, J. G. Biddle and Mr. G. W. Kling.
No. 8. Reverends W. H. Faris, P. Locker and Mr. P. Tolen.
No. 9. Reverends E. W. Erick, J. M. Smith and Mr. J. Nusbaum.
No. 10. Reverends S. McReynolds, G. E. Moore and Mr. J. L. Gruber.
No. 11. Reverend J. W. Henderson and Messrs. J. C. Plauk and J. Marks.
No. 12. Reverends W. P. Ruthrauff, D. Smith and S. P. Snyder.
No. 13. Reverends G. W. Wilson, W. H. Faris and A. H. Scherer.
No. 14. Reverends A. J. Cromer, P. Locker and S. McReynolds.
No. 15. Reverends S. P. Snyder, P. Bergstresser and F. Biddle.
No. 16. Reverend P. Locker and Messrs. N. Smith and J. P. Boyer.
No. 17. Reverends J. Miller, R. F. Delo and Mr. W. Bemendeffer.
No. 18. Reverends S. McReynolds, W. H. Faris and J. W. Henderson.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. H. Wells.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The session opened with Prayer by Rev. S. McReynolds.

The Minutes of the first session were read and approved.

On motion, the Committee appointed at the last meeting to settle with Mr. P. Ray, consisting of Reverends D. Smith and W. H. Faris, was released, and a new Committee appointed, as follows:

Reverends S. P. Snyder and G. W. Wilson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. II.

Your Committee on the unfinished business of the last Synod, as per Minutes, report,

That they find little except what will be called up, under the regular order. However, the following items are presented for your consideration:

1. A Resolution concerning Rev. C. Caskey, as per Minutes, page 14.
2. What have the Brethren Biddle, Steininger and Delo done, respecting Warren, Burr-Oak and South Bend? See page 14.
3. What has been done to prepare to establish an Institution of Learning. Page 15.
4. Have the Delegates to the General Synod anything to present to this body, concerning their duty and the proceedings of that Synod?
5. Have the Directors to Wittenberg College a Report to make to Synod?
6. Have the Delegates to sister Synods performed their duties?
7. Have the brethren preached on the subject of Infant Baptism, this year? Page 19.

H. WELLS.
W. H. FARIS.
A. OLDFATHER.

The Report was received and adopted *seriatim.*

Item 1. Reverends Waltman, Wells and Cromer, were appointed to confer with Rev. C. Caskey.

Item 2. The brethren complied with the Resolutions, without, as yet, accomplishing anything definite.

Item 3. The Committee was continued, and after a colloquial discussion, the evident desire of the Synod was, that said Committee "look well to our wants."

Item 4. Awaiting Report of the Delegates, the matter was deferred.

Item 5,

REPORT OF DIRECTORS TO WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

The undersigned, members of the Board of Directors to Wittenberg College, elected by this Synod, report, that they attended the meetings of the Board in March and June. Much business was transacted not necessary to report upon. We, however, will state that the Institution is in a greatly prosperous condition, there having been connected with the College the last year, 195 students. The senior class was the largest ever graduated there. For further particulars we refer you to the Catalogue herewith presented.

At the March meeting, the President, Dr. Sprecher, was voted a salary of $1,500 annually; the other professors $1,300. The Prudential Committee were empowered to arrange and embellish the grounds, grade and gravel the drive, and complete and repair the building. Rev. J. Crouse was continued Agent, and he was allowed an addition of $200 to his sal-

ary. He reported $89,862.81 as secured on the endowment, from which deducting $4,085.77 expenses, leaves the fund $85,777.04. He expresses confidence in the complete and speedy endowment.

We asked that, as there were five Synods in connection with the College, and five professors, that our Synod should have one of the faculty; the result of which petition is, that Prof. I. Sprecher was requested to unite with us. Your Committe claim as due them for traveling expenses, $52.80.

J. N. Barnett.
W. Waltman.

The Report was received and adopted, and an order drawn on the treasury for expenses.

Item 6. Some of them.

Item 7. Generally complied with.

The Report adopted, as a whole.

Reverends J. Miller, B. F. Hills and J. Steininger, arriving at this stage of the proceedings, reported, offered excuses and were voted excused; after which, their Lay-Delegates presented their certificates and were received.

On Motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. B. F. Hills.

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After an hour spent in devotional exercises, Synod opened with prayer by Rev. P. Bergstresser.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. R. F. Delo presenting himself, was excused for late arrival.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. XVI.

We report the papers placed in our hands to be, (1.) The Minutes of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New Jersey. (2.) The proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Synod of Illinois. (3.) The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania, and, (4.) The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the East Ohio Synod.

Your Committee have examined these documents and find nothing in them requiring action by this Synod.

Phillip Locker.
Nelson Smith.
J. P. Boyer.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. V.

Your Committee respectfully reports the papers placed in its hands are, (1.) A petition from LaGrange Charge, LaGrange County, Indiana, asking to be formed into two pastorates—the one to consist of Mount Zion, Saint John's, Union and Gordon Churches, the other to consist of Middleburry, Fish Lake and Millersburg. Inasmuch as this arrangement seems to meet the approbation of the whole charge, we move that their request

be granted. (2.) Is a petition from the Haw-Patch Church to be united with the Millersburg Charge, and (3.) The action of the Millersburg Charge consenting to this arrangement, with the condition that said Church act with the consent of their former connection and settle all arrears with their former pastor.

Your Committee move that said petition, on said conditions, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. Snyder.
G. W. Wilson.
W. H. Keller.

Received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. IV.

Your Committee would report that the document in their possession is the Catalogue of Wittenberg College. As your Directors have already reported all items of interest upon this subject, we deem it unnecessary to do more than refer you to that Report.

W. P. Ruthrauff.
J. W. Henderson.
P. Bergstresser.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. XII.

Your Committee would report that the document placed in their hands is a letter from Rev. W. Hunt, asking Synod to excuse him for non-attendance.

Your Committee move that Bro. Hunt be excused, and that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to address a letter to Bro. Hunt, assuring him of our deep sympathy for him in his affliction, and of our constant prayers, that our kind Heavenly Father may, if it be his Holy Will, yet raise him up and spare his life to the Church, which he has so long and faithfully served.

W. P. Ruthrauff.
D. Smith
S. P. Snyder.

The Report was adopted and the letter read before Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. X.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following Report:

The paper placed in our hands is a letter from Rev. J. H. Hoffman, a member of this body. Bro. H. sends his Parochial Report, enclosing $18.00, to be distributed as follows: Synod, $2; Home Missions, $7; Foreign Missions, $3; Education, $2; Pastor's Fund, $3; Wittenburg College, $1. This purports to be the amount of his pledges made at last Convention. He asks to be excused from this meeting. Your Committee recommend that he be excused and his Parochial Report appear in the proper place.

Yours, Fraternally,

S. McReynolds.
J. L. Gruber.
G. E. Moore.

Report adopted and the funds paid into the Treasury.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. VII.

The paper placed in the hands of your Committee, is a petition from Salem and East Union Churches, Noble County, Indiana, signed by the councils, asking to be released from the Huntington County Charge, with a view of forming a new one; therefore,

(II.) *Resolved*, That so much of this petition as relates to the forming of these two Churches into a separate charge, be in accordance with these brethren's request.

C. Sink.
J. G. Biddle.
G. W. Kling.

The Report was adopted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. IX.

The papers handed to your Committee are a letter and the Parochial Report of Rev. J. Boon. This brother wants to be excused for non-attendance. We recommend that his letter be read. We regret the absence of Bro. Boon, which his letter shows to be unavoidable, and ask that he be excused. Respectfully submitted,

E. W. ERICK.
J. M. SMITH.
J. NUSBAUM.

Report adopted, letter read and Bro. Boon excused. (Luke xiv. 20.)

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Faris.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The session opened with prayer by Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff.

Rev. Prof. J. Swartz of Wittenberg College, and Rev. J. A. Kunkleman of Indianapolis, being present, were, on motion, invited to seats as advisory members.

The Treasurer read his Report, which was received and referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Reverends Ruthrauff, Scherer and Mr. Bishop.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SYNODICAL TREASURY.

Receipts	$122.60	
Expended	127.00	
Deficit		$4.40

HOME MISSIONS.

Received	$184.60	
Expended	176.15	
Balance on hand		$8.45

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received	$75.60	
Paid	75.60	

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Received	$119.30	
Borrowed of Pastor's Fund	55.70	
Amount		$175.00
Paid A. Leathers		175.00

PASTOR'S FUND.

Received	$61.80	
Loaned Beneficiary Fund	55.70	
Balance on hand		$6.10

WITTENBERG COLLEGE.

Receipts	$99.25
Paid Treasurer	99.25

S. W. WALTMAN, *Treasurer.*

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Your Committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and found it correct.

W. P. Ruthrauff.
A. H. Scherer.
P. Bishop.

Received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. I,

(On President's Report.)

Your Committee, to whom was referred the President's Report for examination, beg leave respectfully to recommend,

1. The approval of all the official acts of the President referred to in his Report, and that we sincerely rejoice with him in the continual prosperity of our Zion.

2. In reference to that part of the President's Report which relates to the organization of the congregation at Maysville, and the transcending of the powers of a licentiate by Rev. C. Sink, &c., your committee are of the opinion that the President is correct in his opinion and advice, so far as he had information; but on further and more fully examining into the nature of the case, your Committee has satisfied itself that Rev. Sink is fully exonerated from any blame whatever, on the charge of intentionally interfering in Rev. Hunt's charge, or of violating his powers as a licentiate.

3. In reference to Bro. Moore's case, relinquishing the "Bruce Lake" Church, without the advice and consent of the President, your Committee are of the opinion that he did transcend his powers as a licentiate, but, at the same time, knowing the difficulties connected with the case, are satisfied that he did not intentionally violate said powers, but simply acted prematurely in a case wherein the President would have fully justified him, if properly and timely presented.

Your Committee would recommend, therefore, that Rev. Moore be excused from any intentional violation of the rules, &c., of the Synod as a licentiate, and that hereafter licentiates be more careful in observing the rules, &c., of Synod. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. Smith.
A. J. Cromer.

Received and adopted *seriatem.*

Item I. Adopted by a rising vote.

Items 2, 3. Adopted unanimously.

The whole was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. VIII.

Respectfully report that the papers placed in its hands are, (1.) A letter of fraternal greeting from Rev. J. J. Welch, Delegate from Miami Synod to this body. We recommend the reciprocation of the feeling and ask that the letter be read before Synod. (2.) A letter from A. Leathers, Beneficiary at Wittenberg College, containing a request for Synod to make an appropriation for his support for the ensuing year. Inclosed in the letter is also a scale of merit, which is favorable to his character and progress in his classes. We recommend a liberal appropriation and the reading of the letter.

(Signed,) W. H. Faris.
P. Locker.
P. Tolen.

Report adopted by items.

1. Adopted and the letter read.

2. The letter was read and the item referred to educational business.

Prof. Swartz presenting a letter from Prof. I. Sprecher, containing a letter of dismissal from Wittenberg Synod, on motion, Prof. Sprecher was received into membership.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. XI.

The papers placed in the hands of this Committee are the Constitutions of the Monroeville Evangelical Lutheran Church and Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cass County. Indiana. Also, a certificate from the Park-Grove, Mottville, Constantine and White Pigeon Evangelical Lutheran Churches, asking the privilege of changing their Synodical relations from the English Synod of Ohio, to connect with the Synod of Northern Indiana, in whose bounds they are situated. Having examined the Constitutions, we find them to be in accordance with the requirements of this Synod, with the suggestion that Saint John's Church strike out the words "North America," and substitute "United States." With this correction, we therefore recommend that they be received into connection with this Synod. In regard to the Park-Grove, Mottville, Constantine and White Pigeon Churches, it is the judgment of the Committee that they be advised first to receive a certificate of dismissal from the English Synod of Ohio, and be requested to send up copies of their Constitutions to the next meeting of this Synod.

J. W. HENDERSON.
J. C. PLAUK.
J. MARKS.

Report received and adopted.

Synod now adjourned. Prayer by Prof. Swartz.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

After the usual prayer meeting, Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Faris.

Minutes of fourth session were read and approved.

On Motion, Rev. R. F. Delo was appointed to prepare certificates for members of Synod, as instructed by the Superintendent of the P. & I. R. R., upon presentation of which they will be passed at half-fare.

(III.) *Resolved*, That the Secretary of Synod express on the Minutes thereof, the thanks of this body, for the courtesy thus extended, by the gentlemanly Superintendent of the Peru & Indianapolis R. R.

A Committee, consisting of Reverends W. P. Ruthrauff and D. Smith, was appointed to confer with applicants for the beneficiary aid.

Parochial Reports were now called. (*Vide* Appendix A.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. VI.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the documents placed in their hands for inspection, are, (1.) A copy of the Minutes of the Forty-First Annual Meeting of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, in which we find nothing claiming action on the part of this Synod. We rejoice, however, to find said Synod alive and awake to the interests of the Church, and humane and charitable towards the defenders of our country, and all those who are justly entitled to the commiseration and benevolence of a grateful people. (2.) A letter from Rev. J. Cather, a member of this body. This brother asks to be excused for non-attendance, giving various reasons for not being present. We recommend that he be excused and his letter read.

Respectfully, &c.,

A. H. SCHERER.
F. BIDDLE.
P. BISHOP.

The Report was received and adopted by item, the letter read and Rev. J. Cather excused.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. J. G. Biddle reported LaGrange Charge vacant.

Rev. J. W. Henderson reported the Churches at Waterloo and Franklin, in DeKalb County, vacant.

The LaGrange Charge was recommended to the Northern Conference for temporary supply, until a pastor be settled in that field.

On motion, $3 was refunded to Rev. J. Miller, from Synodical Treasury, over-paid.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. XVIII.

The Committee respectfully report as follows:

The only document placed in our hands is the Minutes of the Northern Conference of this Synod, held in LaGrange Center, Indiana, June 12 and 14, 1866.

These Minutes are quite meagre and unsatisfactory; but, inasmuch as they contain matter of grave importance, of a strictly ministerial character, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Ministerium.

Yours, Fraternally, S. McReynolds.
J. W. Henderson.
W. H. Faris.

The Report was received and the matter referred, as recommended.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., to give place to the Ministerium.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Snyder.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod opened. Prayer by Rev. F. Biddle.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. XVII.

Your Committee respectfully report the papers placed in their hands, to be letters Nos. 1 and 2, written by Morgan Butler, of LaGrange Church.

As your Committe find the subject matter without precedent, we respectfully refer it to the Ministerium for action. John Miller.
R. F. Delo.
W. Bemendeffer.

Received and referred.

MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

On motion, "item 2, Report of Committee No. 5, page 13 of the Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Convention of this Synod" was received. Said item reads: "Hereafter *all* monies coming into the charge of this Synod, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Parent (Home Missionary) Society, for disbursement."

On motion of Rev. H. Wells, Synod donated from the Mission Funds, $15 to Rev. J. Steininger and $25 to Rev. F. Biddle.

Rev. J. Crouse was introduced and granted a seat as an advisory member.

On motion, adjourned to give place to the Ministerium.

Prayer by Rev. J. Crouse.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Rev. E. W. Erick opened the session with prayer, after the customary morning prayer meeting.

The following Resolutions were introduced:

ON THE GENERAL SYNOD.

(IV.) *Resolved*, That this Synod approve of the ruling of the Rev. S. Sprecher, D. D., President of the General Synod, and of the action of said Synod respecting the Delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

(V.) *Resolved*, That this Synod disapprove of the proceedings of the Delegates in their withdrawal from the conventions of the General Synod at York and Fort Wayne, and of their Synod in approving of their action, as such a course encourages secession, revolution and disunion in the Church.

(VI.) *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby re-assert its confidence in the General Synod, and its attachment to that truly venerable, wise and Evangelical body, and that we will pray and labor for its perpetuation and extension.

The above Resolutions having been adopted in the absence of a number of the brethren, and a majority of the General Synod Delegation, the vote was re-considered and the Resolutions tabled, to be acted upon when the Report of the Delegates to said body shall have been presented.

A motion to elect Directors to Wittenberg College elicited an interesting speech from the agent, Rev. Crouse.

Rev. C. Sink and G. W. Kling were appointed Tellers. The result of the ballot was, the election of Rev. H. Wells and Mr. D. S. Keil.*

The following brethren were elected

DELEGATES TO ADJACENT SYNODS.

NAMES.	SYNODS.
Rev. J. W. Henderson	Wittenberg.
Rev. W. H. Faris	Olive Branch.
Rev. P. Bergstresser	Northern Illinois.
Rev. D. Smith	Miami.
Rev. G. W. Wilson	Illinois.

*The terms of Waltman and Cornell will not expire until 1867.

PASTOR'S FUND.

WHEREAS, The Synod of Northern Indiana, has no credit on the books of the Pastor's Fund Society of the General Synod, for monies paid over to said society, the former Treasurer of this body, (Rev. W. Waltman,) having a receipt for $44.50, transmitted, therefore,

(VII.) *Resolved*, That the Treasurer, (Rev. H. Wells,) retain the funds now in his possession, until the matter be properly adjusted.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

The election for time and place of next meeting, resulted in the choice of Butler, Indiana, as the place, and Tuesday evening before the first full moon in October, 1867, as the time.

Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, Chairman of the delegation to general Synod, having read the proposed Report, it was moved and voted that the Delegates have until 3 P. M., to prepare and sign a report, which was not done, and here the matter rests for the present.

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EDUCATION.

The following preamble and resolution were presented:

WHEREAS, We, as a Synod, feel the necessity of increased effort in the great cause of education, and especially of the education of young men for the gospel ministry in the Lutheran Church, in the West, and

WHEREAS, We believe that Wittenberg College is worthy of our confidence and support, as an institution imparting thoroughness of instruction, and hitherto exerting a favorable moral and religious influence upon its pupils, therefore,

(VIII.) *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge our prayers and support in behalf of said institution; that we will encourage our young men to enter it, and hereby invite the Agent, for its endowment, to visit our charges for the purpose of collecting funds.

After listening to extended remarks by the Agent, Rev. J. Crouse, Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. S. McReynolds.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. G. Biddle.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Reverends Swartz and Crouse favored us with further remarks on Education, Wittenberg, &c., when Resolution VIII passed.

Rev. Crouse presented the following, which also passed:

(IX.) *Resolved*, That it be made the duty of each Minister in this Synod, having charge of congregations, to preach, at his earliest convenience, one or more discourses on the subject of Wittenberg College, thus preparing the way for the coming of the Endowment Agent among our people.

The following, presented by Rev. H. Wells, passed:

(X.) *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for $75, to be placed in the hands of the Secretary, to have published, and distributed according to the number of communicants in each charge, as many copies of the Minutes as he can for that amount.

On motion, the following sums were voted for the support of the beneficiaries named, at College:

A. Leathers, $175, and Owen W. Bowen, $100.

Synod also passed the two Resolutions, as follows:

(XI.) *Resolved*, That this Synod advise Brothers Wm. L. Robinson and Wm. Baxter, to pursue their studies at any suitable point, by the consent of their Pastor and the President of Synod, and that Synod appropriate any amount necessary for their support, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

(XII.) *Resolved*, That our beneficiaries be required to give Synod their notes, with approved security, payable whether they enter the ministry or not.

The Synod went into Committee of the Whole on the proposed Institute at Elkhart, Indiana, when, after an earnest canvass of the matter, it was

(XIII.) *Resolved*, That Reverends Delo, Ruthrauff and Wells be a Committee, with discretionary powers, to transact business relating to the establishing of an Institution of Learning, to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

Adjourned.

Prayer by G. W. Kling.

NINTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. P. Locker.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(XIV.) *Resolved*, That the President publicly express the grateful acknowledgments of the members of Synod and visitors to the people of Cicero and vicinity, for their hearty friendship, hospitality and liberality.

(XV.) *Resolved*, That the Council Association of North Manchester Charge have permission to divide the charge, when it can be done satisfactorily to all its congregations.

(XVI.) *Resolved*, That the Councils of the Park-Grove, Mottville, Constantine and White-Pigeon Churches, have the privilege of forming themselves into two charges as soon as in their judgment they shall deem it advisable.

(XVII.) *Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the treasury for the amount of the bill of Jenkinson and Hartman, printers.

The above four Resolutions passed in the order in which they are recorded.

The following appointments were then made for speakers at the thirteenth meeting:

Ordination, Rev. R. F. Delo.
Missions, Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff.
Education, Rev. P. Bergstresser.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place duly chosen. Prayer by the President, Rev. W. Waltman.

ATTEST: J. N. BARNETT, *Secretary.*

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Tuesday evening—Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff. John 21: 15.
Wednesday evening—Rev. J. W. Henderson. John 9: 4.
Thursday evening—Rev. J. A. Kunkleman. 1 Cor. 6: 20.
Friday evening—Rev. Prof. Swartz. Luke 13: 18, 19.
Saturday, 2 P. M., Lutheran Church—Rev. P. Bergstresser. 1 Cor. 1: 21.
Saturday, 2 P. M., M. E. Church, (German)—Rev. P. Locker. 1 Cor. 11: 23, 32.
Saturday evening, M. E. Church—Rev. J. Crouse. Ps. 47: 3.
Sunday, 11 A. M., Lutheran Church—Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff. Luke 22: 15.
Sunday, 11 A. M., Lutheran Church, (German)—Rev. P. Locker. John 15: 17.
Sunday, 11 A. M., M. E. Church—Rev. C. Sink. Matt. 24: 14.
Sunday, 3 P. M., M. E. Church—Rev. G. W. Wilson. Phil. 1: 15, 17.
Saturday evening, Lutheran Church—Rev. H. Wells. 1 Cor. 10: 32, 33.
Saturday evening, M. E. Church—Rev. S. P. Snyder—Col. 3: 4.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. Delo.

Committee No. 14 reported on the papers of Rev. G. E. Moore, licentiate, (see Protocol,) which Report was received, and further action delayed, awaiting Report of Committee on Examination.

The matter referred to the Ministerium by the adoption of Report of Committee No. 18, was taken up, and a motion introduced to approve of the action of the North District Conference.

Pending action, a motion to adjourn, carried.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. P Locker.

The motion pending at adjournment of first session prevailed, and the decision of Conference was confirmed. (*Vide* written Minutes.)

The Report of Committee No. 13 was adopted; said Report having reference to the Journal, Sermon, &c., of Rev. C. Sink. (See written Records.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 111.

The Examining Committee beg to report that they have examined the brethren, C. Sink, E. W. Erick, G. E. Moore and J. W. Miller, and respectfully recommend that the first three named be ordained and that J. W. Miller be licensed for one year.

R. F. DELO.
G. W. WILSON.
P. BERGSTRESSER.

The Report was adopted and the recommendations subsequently carried out.

The Report of Committee No. 15 on the papers of Rev. E. W Erick, was adopted. (Recorded in Protocol.)

The matter referred to the Ministerium by Committee 17, was taken up and the letters read, when, on motion, Ministerium adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Snyder.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The session opened with prayer by Rev. Scherer.

After some general remarks and friendly counsel on the subject of the difficulties existing between the Brethren Hills and Biddle, they were reconciled, and they mutually agreed to live in peace and love towards each other.

The Resolution following was then passed:

(XVIII.) *Resolved*, That this Ministerium advise that the action of the LaGrange Church, in reference to B. F. Hills, is irregular and should be rescinded.

The Ministerium now adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. B. F. Hills.

J. N. BARNETT, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT—A.

MINISTERS.	Churches.	Stations.	Infants Baptised.	Adults Baptised.	Confirmations.	Admitted by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Removals.	Communicants.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Prayer Meetings.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Mission Treasury.	Foreign Mission Treas'y	Education Treasury.	Pastor's Fund.	Wittenberg College.	Local.	General Benevolence.	Total.†
D. Smith	2	1	19	2	....	1	....	11	1	210	2	....	....	2	$5 50	$5 00	$5 00	$10 00	$6 00	.....	.....	$100 00	$31 50
W. Hunt	3	....	6	2	4	7	....	....	....	120	3	....	....	....	4 00	6 02	6 02	6 02	6 02	.....	.....	.....	28 08
H. Wells	2	1	3	5	3	9	....	1	7	115	1	15	100	2	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	$5 00	.....	.....	25 00
P. Locker	2	1	14	....	9	9	....	....	10	110	2	12	80	....	3 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	$25 00	.....	16 00
J. H. Hoffman	3	1	1	....	1	2	....	6	1	89	2	25	90	....	2 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	18 00
A. H. Scherer	1	2	3	1	....	1	....	1	3	33	2	14	75	1	1 00	1 00	0 75	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	2 75
S. P. Snyder	3	....	9	13	14	17	2	2	8	231	2	16	90	2	6 55	5 00	5 00	.....	$ 00	5 00	40 00	.....	26 55
W. Waltman	3	....	12	2	10	11	....	1	2	80	3	12	100	2	9 65	5 00	3 00	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	10 00	32 65
R. F. Delo	2	1	3	....	22	8	....	....	2	73	2	15	150	1	2 00	4 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	6 73
J. G. Biddle	7	....	16	15	12	36	5	2	8	302	5	40	200	4	7 50	5 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	.....	22 00	26 50
P. Bergstresser*	4	3	26	3	28	89	1	1	5	174	2	15	100	1	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1500 00	.....	5 00
J. Miller	3	1	3	....	2	5	2	8	....	100	2	14	75	2	3 00	2 00	3 00	.....	1 00	.....	1000 00	10 00	9 00
J. Boon	3	3	3	4	3	12	....	3	....	88	3	15	120	1	15 15	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 15
F. Biddle	1	1	7	6	2	....	....	1	2	39	....	....	....	1	2 10	3 00	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 60
G. W. Wilson	5	2	9	12	16	8	....	3	11	226	2	16	150	2	8 00	7 00	1 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	1300 00	.....	28 00
J. N. Barnett	4	....	9	61	63	9	10	2	10	314	4	20	140	4	15 00	5 00	1 65	29 00	5 00	.....	.....	50 00	55 65
A. J. Cromer	4	3	19	2	3	8	....	2	4	100	2	17	150	2	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	30 00
G. E. Moore	3	2	3	6	5	1	4	1	1	61	3	13	100	2	3 00	3 00	2 00	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	15 00
J. Steininger	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	9 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 25
W. H. Faris	5	....	15	40	42	6	10	4	14	260	3	30	150	2	4 00	12 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	21 00
E. W. Erick	6	1	38	11	69	11	....	4	10	292	6	49	692	5	7 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	900 00	65 00	32 00
C. Sink	3	2	27	49	52	18	....	5	18	298	3	29	300	3	9 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	800 00	141 00	44 00
J. W. Henderson	2	....	3	18	32	19	....	....	2	100	1	8	60	2	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	35 00
	71	25	248	252	392	287	34	58	119	3415	55	375	2922	41	$127 45	$133 00	$65 42	$101 52	$48 02	$63 00	$5830 00	$398 00	.....

*Eighteen Months—Reverends B. F. Hills and J. M. Smith each paid $1 into the Synodical Treasury. †Last two columns not counted.

APPENDIX B—PLEDGES.

NAMES.	Education.	Home Missions.	NAMES.	Education.	Home Missions.
Rev. F. Biddle	$5 00	.....	Nelson Smith	$1 00	$1 00
W. A. Calvert	5 00	$1 00	James Marks	2 00	p11 00
M. Brown	1 00	.....	Elis. Sourwine	0 25	.....
Em. Brown	1 00	.....	Susan Starn, paid	1 00	.....
Hannah Snyder	0 50	.....	Ann Gaul, paid	1 00	.....
Rebecca Lake	1 00	.....	E. Hawkins	5 00	.....
Magdalene Garver	0 50	1 00	L. J. Smith	2 00	.....
Sarah Kepner	1 00	.....	Margaret Gray	1 00	.....
Lizzie Auble	1 00	.....	E. Longwell	0 50	.....
Mary Applegate	2 00	.....	Rev. B. F. Hills	5 00	.....
Caroline Lehr	1 00	0 50	Wm. Baxter	2 00	3 00
Mantilla Leonard	2 00	1 00	Rev. J. W. Henderson	10 00	.....
Elmira Collings	1 00	.....	D. S. Keil, paid	1 00	1 00
Rev. W. H. Faris	5 00	.....	B. R Miller, paid	0 50	.....
Rev. G. W. Wilson	5 00	1 00	David Garber	5 00	.....
Rev. R. F. Delo	10 00	15 00	H. A. Kepner, paid	1 00	.....
Rev. W. Waltman	15 00	15 00	A. Billheimer	1 00	.....
Rev. J. G. Biddle	5 00	5 00	J. W. Applegate, paid	1 00	.....
Rev. E. W. Erick	5 00	1 00	A. Oldfather, paid	1 00	0 50
Rev. J. Steininger	2 00	2 00	L. E. Scherer	5 00	.....
Rev. P. Locker	5 00	5 00	C. Baker	1 00	.....
Rev. J. Kepner	5 00	p11 00	G. Ingerman	5 00	.....
M. Hooper	1 00	.....	Rev. P. Bergstresser	10 00	7 00
F. N. Wafer	1 00	.....	G. W. Kling	5 00	.....
E. Snyder	4 00	.....	J. C. Plauk	2 50	2 50
J. Kitzmiller	0 50	0 50	Caroline Collings	5 00	1 00
S. Wright	1 00	.....	Hannah Kepner	2 00	.....
D. L. Hunt	1 00	.....	Elizabeth Knopp	2 00	.....
Rev. A. H. Scherer	1 00	1 00	C. W. Smith	5 00	1 00
E. W. Lake	1 00	.....	R. Leonard	1 00	1 00
D. A. Gerber	4 00	1 00	R. A. Gerber	.....	1 00
H. Aughenbaugh, paid	1 00	.....	G. W. Sourwine	.....	0 25
H. McClone, paid	1 00	.....	E. Billheimer	.....	0 50
J. Platt	1 00	.....	S. L. Cochran	.....	0 50
J. L. Gruber	1 00	.....	Rev. D. Smith	5 00	1 00
Fred. Knatt, paid	1 00	.....	Rev. A. J. Cromer	.....	5 00
S. Miller	1 00	.....	W. H. Keller, paid	.....	0 50
J. Knause	1 00	.....	W. Robinson	.....	1 00
P. Tolen, paid	1 00	1 00	E. Carr	.....	1 00
W. C. Wallace	1 00	.....	R. A. Warley	.....	1 00
S. A. Kepner	1 00	.....	Wm Soredane	.....	1 00
Rev. J. W. Miller	.....	5 00	Peter Glæser	.....	1 00
Rev. C. Sink	.....	1 00	Geo. Leonard	.....	1 00
Mrs. Scherer	.....	1 00	Ch. Urban	.....	1 00
Mrs. Wilson	.....	2 00	Geo. Livley, paid	0 50	0 50
Mrs. Biddle	.....	1 00	P. Snider, paid	.....	2 00
W. Bemendeffer	1 00	1 00	C. Quear, paid	.....	1 00
P. Bishop	.....	2 00	Geo. Creg	.....	1 00
H. Wells	.....	10 00	Mrs. Worley	.....	1 00
Mrs. Erick	.....	2 00	Mrs. Warford	.....	0 50
P. Wilkin, paid	.....	0 50	Mrs. E. Smith	.....	0 25
D. Warford, paid	.....	1 00	M. J. Carson	.....	0 25
J. B. Staton	.....	0 50	L. J. Small	.....	1 00
Mrs. Musrush	.....	1 00	Sarah Crock	.....	0 50
Margaret Miller	.....	0 50	Catharine Boyer, paid	.....	0 25
Hannah Snyder	.....	0 50	Margaret Glosser	.....	0 25
Priscilla Kitzmiller	.....	0 25	Harriet Leonard	.....	0 25
E. Longwell	.....	1 00	Rebecca Garver	.....	0 50